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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR

SANTA CLAUS IS GOOD TO U. S. SOLDIERS IN MEXICO

Every Man Receives Present Christmas

GIFTS DISTRIBUTED FROM 65-FOOT TREE WITH STARS AND STRIPES TOWERING 20 FEET ABOVE IT.

By Associated Press.
FIELD HEADQUARTERS OF AMERICAN PUNITIVE EXPEDITION IN MEXICO, Dec. 25.—Every man of the punitive expedition, from a mule driver to a major-general, received a Xmas present on the 25th day the troops have spent in Mexico. Over 10,000 presents were distributed from a tree 65 feet high. The regiments marched to points around the "Star of Bethlehem," which crowned the tree, and when all reached their posts the tree was lighted with hundreds of incandescent lamps. An American flag waved 20 feet above the topmost branch which was illuminated by headlights from a score of motor trucks.

Dust Breaks Up Party.
FIELD HEADQUARTERS PUNITIVE EXPEDITION, Mexico, Dec. 25. Dust smothered the Christmas celebration of the punitive expedition. Terrible gales from the southwest flattened the tents, unroofed the buildings and blew away the kitchen fires. Two soldiers were injured by the falling walls. One had a leg broken and the other a hip.

LITTLE ACTION IS REPORTED ON WAR FRONTS

THIRD CHRISTMAS SINCE WAR BEGAN PASSES WITH ONLY ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

By Associated Press.
The third Christmas of the war passed without much fighting and with only the artillery active. The men feasted and entertained as far as was compatible with war conditions. There was heavy fighting on the Rumanian front. In Northwest Dobruja province, Von Mackensen's army attacked the bridgehead at Matchin. British mounted troops operating against the Turks captured Magodaba and 1,130 prisoners and quantities of munitions. The Russians claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the Austro-Germans when the latter attempted to retake the Carpathian heights, occupied Sunday. In Macedonia the fighting quit except the artillery. In the Austro-Italian theatre all is quiet. Two British destroyers were sunk in a collision in the North sea. Fifty-five men and officers were lost. Quiet in France. PARIS, Dec. 25.—A war office bulletin tonight says the day was comparatively calm along the whole front. Three German airplanes were brought down the 24th on the Somme front.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH
NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Oliver K. Buckley, 80, and Frank H. Welch, 58, were burned to death by a fire starting in the Christmas decorations at the home of the former.

DRIVING RAIN
DES MOINES, Dec. 25.—A driving rain struck the city tonight. The temperature was 5 below before the rain.

WAITE'S BROTHER TO FACE CHARGE OF MURDERING HIS WIFE

SAYS HE FOUND POISON, WHICH, IF USED, WOULD HAVE PREVENTED ALL TRACE OF MURDER.

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Frank Waite issued a statement that his brother, Arthur W. Waite, now in the death house at Sing Sing for the murder of his wife's father, John E. Peck, had confessed that he secreted a bottle of poison in his brother's home shortly before his arrest. He said he brought it from South Africa. Frank Waite asserted that the use of this poison would have prevented tracing the crime which indicates that the condemned man was not a confirmed criminal because he was not conversant with criminal methods. He will use the new facts in an attempt to gain a rehearing for the condemned man.

CONFIRM REPORT OF TORREON'S CAPTURE

FUNSTON RECEIVES MESSAGE STATING VILLA IS NOW ON WAY TO ATTACK MONTEREY.

By Associated Press.
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 25.—A message confirming the reported capture of Torreon by the Villa forces was received by General Funston from General Bell, commanding the American forces at El Paso. After a successful attack against the Coahuila stronghold, Villa is reported to have gone eastward to attack Monterrey. Captures San Pedro. EL PASO, Dec. 25.—It is reported that Villa has captured San Pedro and De Las Colinas, northeast of Torreon, capturing 1,100 de facto troops. Carranza officials said they were without information.

Bisbee and Tucson Get Christmas Snow

By Associated Press.
TUCSON, Dec. 25.—This section of Arizona celebrated its first white Christmas in 32 years. Six inches of snow fell at Bisbee.

JOCKEYS ARE GENEROUS
PARIS, Dec. 25.—Frank J. Guild says the Paris Jockey Club has just given 100,000 francs for the rebuilding of the English Protestant church at Malsons-La-Fitte, where there is an important English-American colony, mostly interested in thoroughbred racing stables.

E. COOPER WINS 50 MILE RACE AT ASCOT

By Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Earl Cooper won the 50-mile match race at Ascot speedway in 44.41, an average of 67.13 miles an hour, defeating Eddie Pullen by one second.

Wilbur D'Alene, the only other entrant, lost control of his car in the second mile, crashed through a fence and overturned. He was slightly injured. His mechanic was not hurt.

NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN IS ACCUSED OF KILLING MATE FOR \$20,000 LIFE INSURANCE.

By Associated Press.
OSSISPEE, N. H., Dec. 25.—Fredrick L. Small goes to trial tomorrow charged with the murder of his wife at Fontenac, September 29th. The body was found on that day in the ruins of their cottage on the shore of Lake Ossipee. The house was burned at night. Evidence at the preliminary hearing showed that Small took out a joint insurance policy for \$20,000 on himself and wife shortly before her death.

BIG STORM MARS XMAS SERVICES ON BORDER

By Associated Press.
EL PASO, Dec. 25.—A windstorm marred the Xmas celebration in army camps of this district. It blew sand over the dinner in all of the mess-houses and prevented many band concerts and outdoor celebrations from being held.

MURDER OF SONS BREAKS HEART OF FATHER

SHOCK PROVES FATAL TO PARENT OF SIMPSON BOYS, KILLED AT CROOK CANYON.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The cycle of death which is hovering over the Simpson home was further enlarged yesterday when news of the passing of the father of John and Nelson Simpson, at Watts, Cal., was received here by a son, Thomas Simpson.

The end was due to the shock caused by the murder of his two sons who were shot and killed at Crook canyon a short time ago. The mother of the two men slain is also nearing the end of life's journey, and her death is expected at any time. She has reached her 85th year, while her husband was over 97 years of age.

Advices received yesterday stated that Mrs. Simpson's condition was so serious after the death of her husband that she was unable to attend the funeral. Mr. Simpson will be favorably remembered as a resident of this county up to about ten years ago, first arriving in Prescott on August 10, 1874. He left the country to seek a change of climate for the health of his wife, locating at Watts, Cal. Notwithstanding their extreme age both were benefited, and when the sad tidings of death came unexpectedly a short time ago, both were prostrated.

The deceased during his many years in this county, enjoyed a splendid name among scores of acquaintances. He was a useful citizen, a fine type of the wholesome frontiersman and a good man. He was born in England, coming to the United States in 1840. He entered Arizona from Kansas, being a member of the famous Callen expedition. His wife accompanied him and shared his privations in early days. She desires now to join him on the other side, and is contentedly awaiting the summons to go. The burial of Mr. Simpson was at

BALLOT SACKS ARE TAMPERED WITH, SAY GUARDS

Hurried Call Is Sent to Officials By Nightwatchmen

SEALS FOUND BROKEN EVIDENTLY FROM TOO MUCH HANDLING; NO EVIDENCE OF CROOKED WORK UNCOVERED.

PHOENIX, Dec. 25.—A sensational alarm was sounded last night by the night watchers of the ballots in the library room of the court house, and Leroy Ladd, private secretary to Governor Hunt and Thomas Maddock, manager of the Campbell campaign, were summoned to the room to investigate a report that ballots had been tampered with.

The most serious discovery made was that apparently the position of the sacks containing the ballots had been changed. The suspected sacks were of Maricopa county, one of them being from Precinct No. 1 of Phoenix and the others from small outside precincts.

Jeff Duncan and Harry Schade were on the night watch and gave the alarm about 10 o'clock at night. The seals on some of the sacks seemed to have been broken, but from the manner in which the sacks were sealed and the frequent handling of them, there is nothing suspicious about this, as others have been found in the same condition.

By instructions of Judge Stanford a deputy clerk was instructed to replace the seals, which was done in the presence of several witnesses. Max Goheen and R. L. Little, who are on the day shift of guarding the ballots say that there was nothing whatever to create any sensation over, or any suspicion that any one had been tampering with the ballots and pointed out the practical impossibility for any one to do so.

The inspectors all observed Christmas today and the ballots are reposing peacefully under the watchful eyes of the guards awaiting the resumption of inspection tomorrow.

Jury Disagrees In Acid-Throwing Case

By Associated Press.
EL CENTRO, Cal., Dec. 25.—The jury in the case of B. Claude Lytle, charged with assault in throwing acid on a former employer, Thomas Potts, at Holtville, disagreed and was discharged after being out 69 hours.

Children in Berlin Are Given Presents

By Associated Press.
BERLIN, Dec. 25.—The American Chamber of Commerce at Berlin gave Christmas presents to 1,000 children. Ambassador Gerard and General Von Kessel, commander at Berlin, were present.

2 Men Are Lost In Oregon Snow Storm

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 25.—Commodore Fleming, a mail carrier, and Tom Riles are lost, separately, in a snow storm west of the Fork Agency trail. Fleming has been missing since Saturday and Riles since Friday. Searching parties plan to start at daylight.

Tended by expressions of deep sorrow by everyone in Watts, and was conducted by the Grand Army, of which organization he was a member, serving in the ranks during the Civil war with distinction.

WILSON FACING PROBLEM OF DEFICIT

PRESIDENT AND CABINET WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE UP LOSS.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—President Wilson and cabinet are considering the deficit which it is admitted will exist at the end of the next fiscal year. It is said the president may decide to address congress on the subject after reaching a decision on how to proceed to remedy the condition. Members of the house ways and means committee, already have discussed the problem with Secretary McAdoo and other officials. The committee will formally consider it after the holidays.

HOLD SERVICES FOR INEZ M. BOISSEvain

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Members of the Congressional Union for Woman's Suffrage gathered today at Statuary Hall to hold memorial services for Inez M. Boissevain. Senator Sutherland of Utah, Miss Inez Paul, and others, spoke. An immense crowd attended.

PROSPECTOR DIES WITH \$500 IN GOLD DUST

BODY IS FOUND NEAR SIMMONS ON SUNDAY; DEATH WAS DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The body of William Johnson was found in a tent, within two miles of the Stewart place in Williamson valley, Sunday evening by Clarence Stewart. Death had taken place either that day or on Saturday night, and was probably due to rheumatism of the heart. An examination of the body showed no marks of violence, and the finding on the premises of a sack of placer gold dust valued at over \$500, was convincing evidence that death came from natural causes.

The deceased was a miner, and previously had visited the Stewart place, making known his identity and giving information of where he came from and why he was camping out in that region. He had been on the Santa Maria river placer mining but his accumulation of gold dust was not given publicity, neither did he dwell to any extent on his pursuit, other than to state that he was from Kingman, and was prospecting the country. His outfit was exceptional for a prospector, consisting of a good tent, two large burros, and an abundance of food and clothing.

When first locating in that section, Johnson informed Stewart that he was in poor health from rheumatism. He gave his age as 70 years. He also mentioned the fact that he came out of the Santa Maria country a few days before.

In going to the man's tent on Sunday evening, Stewart stated his purpose was to greet the lonely prospector on Christmas Eve and to provide him with a few edibles such as one of this class would appreciate. The body will be buried where it was found, and under the circumstances attending death, no inquest has been deemed advisable.

VILLISTAS ARE MOVING ON MONTEREY

GENERAL MURGUIA LEADING FORCES AGAINST BANDITS APPROACHING CHIHUAHUA CITY.

By Associated Press.
EL PASO, Dec. 25.—Rebel troops are reported moving eastward from Torreon in the direction of Monterrey after capturing San Pedro and De Las Colonias with 1,100 Carranza soldiers. A rumor tonight says General Murguia is leading troops against Villa bands in the region of Minaca, west of Chihuahua City. A Juarez rumor is current that 1,500 Villistas are 12 miles east.

American officers believe the cold wave started today is advantageous to Villa. They say that the government troops are from tropical regions and the Villa men are acclimated. A severe gale today was followed by a snow storm tonight.

SCANDINAVIANS WILL OFFER A PEACE PLAN

SUGGEST HOLDING CONFERENCE TO FOSTER NEGOTIATIONS BY COMMON PROPOSITIONS.

By Associated Press.
BERLIN, Dec. 25.—The Overseas News Agency announces that the Berne, Switzerland, Tageblatt reports that the Scandinavian government is planning a conference to foster peace negotiations by common propositions. The Zietung and the Hague say Holland probably will issue a note similar to the Swiss document.

ENGLISH PUG VICTOR
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Tom Cowler, English heavyweight, outpointed Gunboat Smith in ten fast rounds this afternoon. Eight rounds were Cowler's.

Japanese to Study U. S. Guard System

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 25.—Captain Y. Hirez, of the Japanese army, arrived today and announced his intention to study the national guard system.

GIVES LIFE FOR CAUSE
PARIS, Dec. 25.—Howard Burchard Lines, a graduate of Dartmouth and Harvard law school, son of Dr. E. H. Lines of Paris, and a volunteer in the American ambulance corps, has just died in the Argonne of acute pneumonia. He contracted the disease while on ambulance service at the front.

BRITISH SPEND QUIET XMAS AT HOME

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 25.—Except at the hospital camps, this is the quietest Christmas Great Britain ever has known. Economy is the general watchword. The government appeals to civilians to remain home so as to permit easy travel for the furloughed soldiers resulted in the elimination of much travel. The hospitals were decorated and artists gave free entertainments.

ROBBERS KILL 3 IN LOUISIANA HOME XMAS MORNING

Father, Mother And Son Are Murdered

BOY OF 7, SEARCHING FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, FINDS BODY PARENTS ON FLOOR; 3 NEGROES ARRESTED BY POSSE.

By Associated Press.
MINDEN, La., Dec. 25.—A half-dressed boy of seven, ran to neighbors today and told them that his parents had been murdered. The neighbors found John N. Reeves and wife dead. Reeves' skull was crushed with an axe and his wife shot. A boy of 11 clutched his brother of 15 months and also a boy of five, who was all battered with an axe. They were taken to a hospital where the eldest died.

A tool chest, said to have contained \$4,000 was broken open. Poses searched all day and arrested three negroes tonight. The evidence was not disclosed. The boy who escaped was sleeping in the attic and the balance of the family below. He came down looking for Christmas presents and found the others dead.

BIG STORM AT SALT LAKE
SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 25.—This city is in the grip of the worst storm in years. Steam roads are battling drifts and many trains are stalled. The street car lines are demoralized. The snow is interfering with deliveries. Unless the storm moderates some of the smelters and mines may be compelled to shut down.

DID YOU EXPECT GIFTS FROM THE EAST?

PERHAPS THEY ARE IN THOUSANDS OF SACKS OF MAIL HELD UP AT TERMINAL POINTS.
CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Thousands of sacks of first-class and parcel post mail are blocked in the railroad terminals here. Coming from every direction in the country simultaneously, the Christmas mail overwhelmed the railroads, and deliveries are said to be four or five days behind. Outgoing mail also is delayed. Every train running out of Chicago has four or five extra mail cars. Hundreds of sacks were piled in the open sheds of the railroad stations today.

"Mail will be from two to ten days late throughout the country," said Leroy Stewart, head of the city delivery division of the postoffice. "One of the reasons for the great delay is that nearly everybody mailed Christmas cards, in sealed envelopes this year. These envelopes are delaying the delivery of package mail."

"It will take at least a week for the postoffice and the railroad terminals to dispose of the mail that is coming here. There are 50 wagons delivering parcel post and it will take the carriers all day to deliver the one trip scheduled for today."

"The mail now in Chicago terminals does not belong here," said Captain E. L. West, superintendent of the Middle West Railway Mail Service division. "It is being transferred from one railroad to another to be taken to the different sections of the country. I have called for more cars from the railroads but they were unable to supply them."